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SENATOR RANDY RICHARDVILLE  
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MINUTES

The Senate Government Operations Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, in the Boji Tower, Senate Hearing Room.

Senator Richardville called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The clerk recorded attendance as follows:

Present: Senators Richardville (C), Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Richardville requested a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 30, 2013 committee meeting. Senator Meekhof supported the motion.

Yeas: Richardville, Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand arrived in committee at 11:02 a.m.

Senator Richardville announced that Senate Bill 422, sponsored by Senator Bruce Caswell, and Senate Bills 459 and 460, sponsored by Senator Patrick Colbeck, would be added to the committee's agenda.

Senator Richardville called Senator Caswell to come before the committee to give a summary and explanation of his bill, SB 422. After testifying, Senator Caswell answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Richardville next called on Director Jim Haveman from the MI Department of Community Health and Director John Nixon from the MI Department of Management and Budget to comment on SB 422. After testifying, Directors Haveman and Nixon answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Richardville called on the following individuals who wished to offer their comments and positions on SB 422:

Michael Vizena, representing the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Monique Stanton, President & CEO, CARE of Southeastern Michigan—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Lori Batzloff, RN, representing the MI Nurses Association—**OPPOSE**  
Mr. Mark Reinstein, representing the Mental Health Association of Michigan—**OPPOSE**

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Senator Richardville introduced Senators John Pappageorge and Jim Marleau and thanked them for their work on HB 4714.

Senator Richardville next called Senator Colbeck to come before the committee to give a summary and explanation of his bills, SB 459 and 460. Senator Richardville granted Senator Colbeck's request to allow for additional people to join him in his testimony. Those joining him were Mr. Avik Roy, representing the Manhattan Institute, Mr. Tom Valenti, representing Blue Sky Health, and Mr. Kenneth A. Fisher, M.D., representing the Michigan Chapter of Docs4PatientCare. After testifying, Senator Colbeck, Mr. Roy, Mr. Valenti, and Dr. Fisher answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Richardville recessed the committee at 1:07pm.

Senator Richardville called the committee to order at 1:40pm. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Richardville (C), Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Hildenbrand arrived in committee at 1:42pm.

Senator Colbeck's testimony concluded after he answered questions from committee members.

Senator Richardville next called forward again Directors Haveman, Nixon. Joining them was Randall Gregg, Administrative Law Manager from the Department of Insurance and Financial Services. Directors Haveman and Nixon, along with Mr. Gregg, shared their thoughts on SBs 459 and 460. After their comments, Directors Haveman and Nixon and Mr. Gregg answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Richardville announced the following individuals who submitted cards and listed their positions on SBs 459 and 460, but did not wish to speak before the committee:

Ms. Joan Fabiano, resident, Holt, MI—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Marjorie Mitchell, representing MichUHCAN—**OPPOSE**

Ms. Deborah Riddick, representing the School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan—**OPPOSE**

Ms. Jackie Doig, representing the Center for Civil Justice—**OPPOSE**

Senator Richardville called forward Mr. Kenneth Thompson, resident, Ronald Township, MI, who spoke in support of SBs 459-460.

Senator Richardville next called Ms. Lana Theis, resident, Brighton, MI, who spoke in support of SBs 459-460.

Senator Richardville announced that the committee was finished hearing testimony on SBs 422 and 459-460 and would go back to hearing testimony on HB 4714.

Senator Richardville called forward Mr. Mike Freed, representing Spectrum Health/Priority Health, who spoke in support of HB 4714. When he finished with his testimony, Mr. Freed answered questions from committee members.

Senator Richardville attempted to call forward several individuals who submitted cards and wished to speak, however, those individuals were not present at that time.

Senator Richardville next called forward Mr. Dan Russell, representing Genessee Health Systems, and Mr. Jeff Brown, representing the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority. Mr. Russell and Mr. Brown spoke in support of HB 4714.

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Senator Richardville next called on Dr. Robert Lechy, representing the Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, who wished to speak in support of HB 4714.

Senator Richardville recessed the committee at 2:44pm.

Senator Richardville called the committee to order at 2:49pm. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Richardville (C), Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Richardville announced that Mr. Paul M. Tarr, representing Team Mental Health Services, submitted a card stating his position on SBs 459 and 460—**OPPOSE**

Senator Richardville called on Ms. Isabelle Terry, resident, Rockford, MI, to address the committee and share with members her position on HB 4714, which she opposed.

Senator Richardville announced that the committee had heard from all of the individuals who had turned in cards to speak and then asked if there were any individuals present who wished to address the committee on this issue. After hearing from no one, Senator Richardville announced the conclusion of testimony on the bills. Senator Richardville announced the clerk would include in the record a list of all of the cards submitted to the committee on HB 4714 and SBs 422, 459, and 460.

With no further testimony on the bills, Senator Richardville announced the committee would vote on HB 4714, SBs 422, 459 and 460.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to adopt the S-7 for HB 4714. Senator Whitmer moved to adopt the substitute.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer and Hunter

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to report HB 4714 (S-7) with recommendation that the bill pass. Senator Whitmer moved to report HB 4714 (S-7) with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Richardville, Meekhof, Whitmer and Hunter

Nays: None

Pass: Hildenbrand

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 4714 (S-7).

Senator Whitmer moved to recommend immediate effect.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer and Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Whitmer made comments.

Senator Meekhof made comments.

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Senator Hildenbrand made comments.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported HB 4714 (S-7) with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole that the bill pass and further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to adopt the S-1 for SB 422. Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the substitute.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof

Nays: Whitmer and Hunter

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to report SB 422 (S-1) with recommendation that the bill pass. Senator Hildenbrand moved to report SB 422 (S-1) with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof

Nays: Whitmer and Hunter

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 422 (S-1).

Senator Hildenbrand moved to recommend immediate effect.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof

Nays: Whitmer and Hunter

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported SB 422 (S-1) with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole that the bill pass and further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to report SB 459 with recommendation that the bill pass. Senator Meekhof moved to report SB 459 with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof

Nays: Whitmer and Hunter

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 459.

Senator Hildenbrand moved to recommend immediate effect.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof

Nays: Whitmer and Hunter

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported SB 459 with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole that the bill pass and further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

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Senator Richardville requested a motion to report SB 460 with recommendation that the bill pass. Senator Meekhof moved to report SB 460 with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof

Nays: Whitmer and Hunter

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 460.

Senator Meekhof moved to recommend immediate effect.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Meekhof

Nays: Whitmer and Hunter

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported SB 460 with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole that the bill pass and further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Richardville thanked everyone for their work on the legislation, including the public, members of the Legislature, and the staff.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Richardville adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:10 p.m.

As requested by the Chair, a complete list of individuals (and the organizations they represent, as well as their positions on the legislation if given) who submitted cards to the committee is attached.

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request to the committee clerk for a minimal fee.)

01 October 2013

Date approved by Committee

**Wish to Speak (card dated 7/3):**

**HB 4714:**

Ms. Joe Ann Burgett, representing Women Heart and You're the Cure @ American Heart Assoc—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Patricia Hartig, representing Lutheran Social Services of Michigan—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Mary Aldecoa, resident, Fowlerville, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Joe Carney, resident, Brighton—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Richard Teets, representing Metro Coalition of Congregations—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Doug Paterson, representing Michigan Primary Care Association—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Paul Lazar, representing Michigan Academy of Family Physicians—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Lisa Cooper and Ms. Melissa Seifert, representing AARP Michigan—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Gilda Jacobs, representing Michigan League for Public Policy—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Connie Glave, resident, Freeland, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Chris Rodriguez & Mr. Elmer Cerano, representing Michigan Protection and Advocacy—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Brett Williams, representing Michigan Consumers for Healthcare—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Randy Block, representing Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Bret Jackson, representing Economic Alliance for Michigan—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Randy Walainis, representing Metro Coalition of Congregations—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Tina Dupont, resident, Rockford, MI—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Sharon Rubingh, resident, Lansing, MI—**OPPOSE**  
Mr. Kenneth Thompson, resident, Ronald Township, MI—**OPPOSE**  
Mr. David Dudenhofer, representing Michigan Campaign for Liberty—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Jane Wilson, representing representing CCA (Conservative Constitutional Americans)—**OPPOSE**  
Mrs. Joni Jones, resident, Battle Creek, MI—**OPPOSE**  
Mr. Jack McHugh, representing Mackinac Center for Public Policy—**OPPOSE**

**Do not wish to speak (card dated 7/3):**

**HB 4714:**

Mr. Michael Reagan & Mr. Chris Shea, representing Cherry Street Health Services—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Chelsea Lewis, representing Michigan Consumer for Healthcare—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Tom Hickson, representing Michigan Catholic Conference—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Judy Stewart, representing American Cancer Society—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Ruth Linnemann, representing National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Michigan Chapter)—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Judith Lincoln, representing Center for Civil Justice—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Ben Bodskin, representing Michigan Association of Counties—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Patricia Hammer & Mr. John Hammer, representing Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. K. Johnston-Calati, representing Michigan Disability Rights Coalition—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Lindsay Bacon & Ms. Sally Joy, representing National Kidney Foundation—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Tina Grant, representing Trinity Health—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Doug DeYoung, representing Traverse City Chamber and Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Allan Wachendorfer, Mr. Duane Breijak & Ms. Maxine Thome, representing National Association of Social Workers-MI—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Bonnie Bochniak, Michigan Business Professional Association—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Margaret Guerro, resident, Imlay City, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Cheryl Matas, resident, Metamora, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Nancy Coscarelli, resident, Attica, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Holli Wallace, resident, Freeland, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Suzanne Love, resident, Lansing, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Joan Brausch, resident, Midland, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Roberta Simpson, resident, Lansing, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Coreen Strzalka, resident, Eagle, MI—**OPPOSE**  
Mr. Larry Strzalka, representing Clinton County Tea Party—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Joan Jacobson, resident, Lake Odessa, MI—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Joan Fabiano, resident, Holt, MI—**OPPOSE**

**Wish to Speak (card dated 7/17):**

**HB 4714:**

Ms. Marjorie Mitchell, representing MichUHCAN—**SUPPORT**

**Wish to Speak (card dated 7/30):**

**HB 4714:**

Ms. Marjorie Mitchell, representing MichUHCAN—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Rob Fowler, representing Small Business Association of Michigan—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Brett Williams, representing Michigan Consumers for Healthcare—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Tina Tanner MD, representing Michigan Academy of Family Physicians—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Bret Jackson, representing Economic Alliance for Michigan—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Lisa Cooper & Ms. Melissa Seifert, representing AARP Michigan—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Randy Block, representing Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Paul T. Von Oeyen, MD, representing Metro Coalition of Congregations—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Gail Lanphear, representing the Association for Children's Mental Health—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Larry Benjamin, resident, Saginaw, MI—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Marcia Bridges, representing the SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU) Home Care Workers—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Ashley Forsberg, RN, representing the Michigan Nurses Association—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Tina Dupont, resident, Rockford, MI—**OPPOSE**

Mr. David Dudenhofer, representing the Michigan Campaign for Liberty—**OPPOSE**

Ms. Isabelle Terry, resident, Rockford, MI—**OPPOSE**

**Do not wish to speak (card dated 7/30):**

**HB 4714:**

Ms. Sarah Poole, representing the American Heart Association—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Sally Joy, representing the National Kidney Foundation Michigan—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Linda Burghardt, representing the National Alliance on Mental Illness Michigan—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Matthew Clayton, resident, Detroit—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Angela Simmons, resident, Saginaw—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Robert Baast, resident, Saginaw—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Jimmie Gates, resident, Grand Rapids—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Trent Varva, resident, Saginaw—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Elizabeth Riley, representing Homecare Workers—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Krista McGee, representing Homecare Workers—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Allen Bailey, resident, Detroit—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Jeremy Killion, **NO INFO ON CARD**—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Monette Winfield, **NO INFO ON CARD**—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Manila Freeman, **Home Care Workers** **NO INFO ON CARD**—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Joanne McKenzie, representing HomeCare Health Workers—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Pat Hammer, representing the Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Mark Reinstein, representing the Mental Health Association in Michigan—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Lesia Liss, representing Healthplus of Michigan—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Michael Vizelia, representing the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Deborah Riddick, representing the School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Patricia Bates, resident, Lincoln Park—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Leslie Casabi, representing SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU)—**SUPPORT**

Ms. **JOYCE K.** **NO INFO ON CARD**—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Colleen Wallace, **NO INFO ON CARD**—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Tessile LaFeuer, representing SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU)—**SUPPORT**

Mr. Michael Taylor, representing SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU)—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Denise Sloan, representing the Michigan Academy of Pediatrics—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Judy Stewart, representing the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Rebecca Mastee, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference—**SUPPORT**

Ms. Arlene Gorelick, representing the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan—**SUPPORT**

**Do not wish to speak (card dated 7/30), continued:**

**HB 4714:**

Mr. Dohn Hoyle, representing The Arc Michigan—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Amy Zaagman, representing the Michigan Council for Maternal & Child Health—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Kevin Geary, representing the SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU)—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Raymond Bridges, resident, Eastpointe, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Leonard Przekorzynski, resident, Warren, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Elaine Pope, resident, Detroit, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Baldomero Gonzalez III, resident, Melvindale, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Mary Pollock, representing the Michigan National Organization for Women—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Kathleen Prockel, representing United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Joan Fabiano, representing Grassroots in Michigan—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Paulette Metoyer, M.D., resident, Ann Arbor, MI—**OPPOSE**

**Do not wish to speak (card dated 7/30):**

**SBs 422, 459 & 460:**

Ms. Marjorie Mitchell, representing MichUHCAN—**OPPOSE**

**Wish to speak (card dated 7/31):**

**HB 4714:**

Dr. Robert Lechy, representing the Macob-Oakland Regional Center—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Jeff Brown, representing the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Davis Russell, representing Genesee Health Systems—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Mike Freed, representing Spectrum Health/Priority Health—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Lori Batzloff, RN, representing the Michigan Nurses Association—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Lana Theis, resident, Brighton, MI—**OPPOSE**

**Do not wish to speak (card dated 7/31):**

**HB 4714:**

Mr. Kyle DuBuc, representing the United Way for Southeast Michigan—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Terry Muluihill, representing the Hope Network—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Patricia D. Hartig, representing Lutheran Social Services of Michigan—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Heather Haro & Ms. Kathleen Johnston-Calati, representing the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Andy Johnston, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Debra Johnson, representing St. Clair Community Mental Health—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Association of Counties—**SUPPORT**  
Ms. Jackie Doig, representing the Center for Civil Justice—**SUPPORT**  
K.P. Pelleran, representing Fight Crime: Invest in Kids—**SUPPORT**

**Wish to speak (card dated 7/31):**

**SB 422:**

Mr. Michael Vizena, representing the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Monique Stanton, President & CEO, CARE of Southeastern Michigan—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Lori Batzloff, RN, representing the Michigan Nurses Association—**OPPOSE**  
Mr. Mark Reinstein, representing the Mental Health Association of Michigan—**OPPOSE**

**Do not wish to speak (card dated 7/31):**

**SB 422:**

Mr. Paul M. Tarr, representing Team Mental Health Services—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Jackie Doig, representing the Center for Civil Justice—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Deborah Riddick, representing the School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Lisa Cooper & Ms. Melissa Seifert, representing the American Association of Retired Persons—**OPPOSE**



**Wish to speak (card dated 7/31):**

**SB 459 & 460:**

Ms. Lana Theis, resident, Brighton, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Kenneth A. Thompson, resident, Ronald Township, MI—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Avik Roy, representing the Manhattan Institute—**NEUTRAL**  
Mr. Tom Valenti, representing Blue Sky Health—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Kenneth A. Fisher, MD, representing the Michigan Chapter Docs4PatientCare—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Jim Haveman, Director, Department of Community Health—**OPPOSE**  
Mr. John Nixon, Director, Department of Technology, Management & Budget—**OPPOSE**  
Mr. Randall Greg, representing the Department of Financial and Insurance Services—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Lori Batzloff, RN, representing the Michigan Nurses Association—**OPPOSE**  
Mr. Mark Reinstein, representing the Mental Health Association of Michigan—**OPPOSE**

**Do not wish to speak (card dated 7/31):**

**SB 459 & 460:**

Ms. Joan Fabiano, resident, Holt, Mi—**SUPPORT**  
Mr. Paul M. Tarr, representing Team Mental Health Services—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Deborah Riddick, representing the School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan—**OPPOSE**  
Ms. Jackie Doig, representing the Center for Civil Justice—**OPPOSE**